

REMARKS

A preliminary amendment was filed in this case on November 19, 2001 including a Substitute Specification and a comparison version. In view of the Examiner's suggestions relative to the arrangement of the specification, Applicants have the impression that the Examiner did not receive the previously filed Substitute Specification. A copy of that Substitute Specification is provided herewith. No new matter has been added by way of the Substitute Specification.

The Examiner has objected to the drawing (Figure 1) for failing to show the "non-return valve" recited in Claim 8. The term "non-return valve" is an incorrect translation of the German word "Rücklausperre". The correct translation is "backstop" or "return stop". The term "Rücklausperre" appears in the text of the original German language specification at page 3, line 2. See attached. By this Amendment, Figure 1 has been amended to depict the possible "backstop" positions which may be selected alternatively or in combination.

Further, by this Amendment, Applicants have amended the Substitute Specification at paragraph [0009] to correct the translation error, i.e. deleting "non-return valve" and substituting therefor -- backstop --. Applicants have also amended the specification by adding the heading -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION -- between paragraphs [0012] and [0013].

The amendments discussed above are believed to overcome the Examiner's objections to the drawings, noting that the reference to "spindle SP 1"

(p. 4, line 17) has been corrected in the Substitute Specification to read -- Spindle SP --. Further, the Substitute Specification utilizes the arrangement of the Specification substantially as suggested by the Examiner.

The rejection of Claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (first and second paragraphs) as set forth by the Examiner on pages 3 and 4 of the Official Action are now deemed moot in view of the amendments herein. No new matter has been added to the specification.

On the merits, the Examiner has rejected Claim 6 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,804,224 (*Inaba et al.*). The argument(s) in support of this rejection are set out in the Official Action in the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 of the Official Action, and not here repeated.

Further, Claims 6 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,340,439 (*Hiraoka*). The argument(s) in support of this rejection are set out in the second full paragraph on page 5 of the Official Action, and not here repeated.

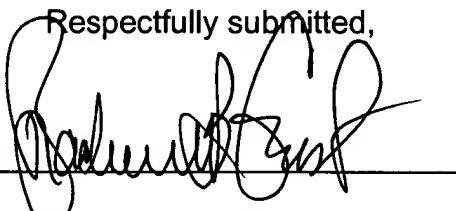
Applicants respectfully traverse both grounds for rejection; and further note, with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 7-9.

In view of the amendments to Claims 6-8, Applicants believe that the grounds for rejection predicated on *Inaba et al.* and *Hiraoka* are no longer applicable, since both prior art references utilize two motors which are displaceably mounted with the spindle being stationary. This is entirely different

from the claimed invention, wherein the arrangement is such that the motors do not move and the spindle of the screw of the injection molding machine does move. The novel arrangement of the present invention is particularly advantageous since the masses to be accelerated are relatively small, and very importantly, the electric supply lines for the motor drives can be kept stationary.

In the circumstances, pending Claims 6-9 are now believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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